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M. W. Chapman

Dear friend

Your of the 2<sup>d</sup> with one from your sister Emma only came to hand yesterday, never trust any thing of the kind to friends hand they often. bust by mail. The articles sent you are for you not for the Fair & therefore are without price (!). No more can be had in this country they were not procured by Mr Appold but my humble self, through one of my young men, or a young man in my employ, should I go to France next spring I will buy a lot for you Fair & ours certainly \$100<sup>worth</sup> for each if you visit me, one & a tone that, to insist, I am at your service, but for the coming display it is too late. I do not now see why you handed my letter to Menall any more than to another person unless you are growing intimate.

I thank you very much for the scheme for learning French verbs, I have not tried it, but know it must be useful. Say to Emma & Lucia that we are pleased to be remembered by them. I have not time to write to Emma, the letters have been sent to E. Burdow.

You will see by the Freeman that Mary Brew has been elected Assistant Editor, she is a friend & she what she says in this weeks paper. We are in good spirits here, but have very little courage on the Texas question. There is an "East Com" to get



up a resolve to have public meetings, but had  
not mental force enough. I may get, but we are  
getting a great number of signers to the Petitions  
and now to a subject which since you last  
I cannot but feel is a delicate one, for I speak  
in my off hand, free way of speaking that I recall  
matters of the past that were as well left quiet.

I know you are not of that class who fear  
to recall the past, but sadness & sorrow should  
smother the remembrance of affection & virtue, still  
as there must be some sadness I would not be the  
one to excite it, though pleasure predominates, and therefore  
will not insist upon being conscious about the com-  
parative size of your heart. I know it is not small  
it would seem like flattery in me to say how  
grateful I feel for the influences it has shed around  
many whom you have never known as well as some  
who you do know when they enjoy your companionship.

There to close is just heart

Do excuse my style, but heart is  
decidedly less than my heart, were it not  
I would turn this world upside down before a year could  
go by. Well enough at conceiving but poor at executing.  
Now, can I be stronger?

If you any opportunity do have add Ballou to make his  
trout come at 25cts.



CEB has gone to Baltimore! at the invitation  
of Dr. Snodgrass to lecture on Capital Punishment  
especially on Temperance.

I am sorry to say that I have no sheets.

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Will it be too much trouble for you to send  
the enclosed at once, and if you wish,



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